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Please vote for five nominees for the term last 2004-2007.

Kimberly A. LoPrete, History, National University of Ireland, Galway

My research and teaching addresses women's experiences in, and contributions to, medieval society, culture and politics, from the available textual and visual sources analyzed from a variety of gendered or feminist perspectives. I hope to foster dialogue between historians and scholars in other primary disciplines, on the diversity of women's experiences; integrating women and gender into "standard" undergraduate courses; and the variety of medieval views on gender and other philosophical-theological constructs deemed "normative." Emphasis on how medieval people construed and theorized concepts fundamental to the study of women and gender alongside ideas articulated by contemporary, largely "post-modern," scholars and theorists. I would like to develop the Society's links with feminist scholars in the British Isles and the rest of Europe, in part through promoting Society members' participation in or sponsorship of sessions at conferences such as Leeds or the International Federation for the Study of the History of Women.

Cathy Mooney, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

I would work to continue SMFS's online and print publications, and strengthen its mentoring outreach, presence at conferences via special sessions, international membership and visibility (including developing countries), and membership among students and scholars, especially those in isolating situations. SMFS needs to further its tradition of promoting reflection on cutting-edge issues: diversity in the academy and among ourselves, cross-cultural and inter-religious scholarship, and actively supporting feminist pedagogy and scholarship. SMFS has contributed importantly to my work on gender in medieval hagiography and was a support while I worked in South Africa: I'd like to return the favor.

Diane Reilly, Fine Art, Indiana University—Bloomington

The Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship is both an advocate and an important forum for the pursuit of a vital, and until recently, neglected facet of the Medieval and Renaissance world. I would like to help increase the SMFS's profile through representation at Renaissance as well as Medieval Studies conferences, and to help maintain the high standards of scholarship already established by the *Medieval Feminist Forum*.

Marla Segol, Religion / Jewish Studies, Carleton University

One of the things I like best about the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship is its collegiality and the sense of community and collaboration it fosters. I would like to promote collegiality and collaboration on academic projects, and to reach out to scholars of non-European women's history and culture. I would bring to the board considerable administrative experience, reliability, and a practical creativity.

Julia Smith, History, University of St. Andrews

I am Reader in Mediaeval History at the University of St Andrews. Inter alia, I have written numerous articles on women and gender in the early Middle Ages and am editor (with Leslie Brubaker) of *Gender in the Early Medieval World: East and West, 300-900* (Cambridge, 2004). Gender—masculinities and femininities—is central to my teaching and research, for its inclusive as well as its critical potential.

Nancy Bradley Warren, English, Florida State University

Two of the most important achievements of SMFS are the promotion of interdisciplinary scholarship on gender and the creation of a mentoring network of feminist scholars. I hope to see SMFS expand and enhance both of these projects, particularly through outreach to scholars outside the US, to scholars in disciplines less often represented in SMFS conference sessions and publications (for instance, archaeology, music history), and to students at all levels.

Rebecca Winer, History, Villanova University

As a scholar I am interested in how a gender system operates on the ground in a multi-religious society like thirteenth-century southern France/Iberia; starting next spring I will direct Villanova's Women's Studies program. My goals for SMFS include strengthening ties between our organization and similar programs throughout the country, and heightening our profile by sponsoring sessions at national meetings such as AHA and AJS (Association for Jewish Studies).

BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO ADVISORY BOARD

Please vote for *five* nominees.

_____ Kimberly A. LoPrete

_____ Cathy Mooney

_____ Diane Reilly

_____ Marla Segol

_____ Julia Smith

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